

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and xxx as set forth in the complete listing of the claims and their status that follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for protecting at least a portion of a poured slab during activity at a site adjacent the poured slab, said device comprising a sheet including:

a primary portion sized to extend substantially along the entire width of the slab and to cover a portion of the upper surface of the slab adjacent an exposed side of the slab;

an overhang portion sized to cover a portion of the side of the slab; ~~and~~
 a fold portion connecting said primary portion to said overhang portion at an angle configured so that said overhang portion substantially abuts the side of the slab when said primary portion is resting on the surface of the slab; and
means for temporarily adhering at least a portion of said primary portion to the slab.

2. (Original) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 1, wherein said sheet is formed of a flexible material to permit rolling the sheet.

3. (Original) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 2, wherein said fold portion includes a fold line formed in said sheet to facilitate folding said sheet at said fold portion.

4. (Original) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 1, wherein said fold portion is formed of a substantially rigid material so that said fold portion maintains said angle when said sheet is not supported on the slab.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 1 ~~claim 5~~, wherein said means for temporarily adhering includes an adhesive strip on said primary portion.

7. (Original) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 6, wherein said adhesive strip extends around a portion of the perimeter of said primary portion.

8. (Original) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 6, wherein said adhesive strip extends only along an edge of said primary portion opposite said fold portion.

9. (Original) The device for protecting a poured slab according to claim 6, wherein said means for temporarily adhering includes a removable cover at least initially covering said adhesive strip.

10. (Original) A method for protecting at least a portion of a poured slab during activity at a site adjacent the poured slab, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet sized to extend substantially along the entire width of the slab at an exposed side thereof;

disposing an overhang portion of the sheet over the edge of the slab and abutting a portion of the exposed side, with a primary portion of the sheet covering a portion of the upper surface of the poured slab adjacent the exposed side; and

maintaining the sheet on the slab during the activity at the site adjacent the slab.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein:
the providing step includes providing a sheet having a fold line pre-formed in the sheet; and

the disposing step includes folding the sheet at the fold line.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein the providing step includes providing a sheet having a substantially rigid fold between the overhang portion and the primary portion.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

removably adhering the primary portion of the sheet to the upper surface of the slab; and

removing the sheet from the slab after the activity at the adjacent site has ended.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein the providing step includes providing the sheet on a roll, unrolling the sheet and cutting the sheet from the roll.